

**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please amend the Abstract as shown below:*

91 A system and method for a hybrid electric vehicle system controller 40. The vehicle system controller 40 is modular and is partitioned in a manner which takes into account a logical grouping of vehicle functions, while maintaining a hierarchy of control within the controller 40. The modular architecture is logically partitioned based upon vehicle functionality, thereby allowing for relatively quick and easy modification or replacement of vehicle control processes or features.